

University of Oklahoma,  
Norman, Oklahoma.  
May 2, 1930.

Mrs. J. F. Waggoner,  
Keldron, S.D.

Dear Mrs. Waggoner:

I am going to urge you to help me some more.  
I will tell you why.

Recently a book has been published in New York called AMERICAN. It is the life of Chief Plenty Coups of the Crow Indians. The claim is made for Plenty Coups that he is the greatest of Indian Chiefs.

Now, I think that the Dakotas ought not to let this challenge pass unanswered. Sitting Bull was a far greater man than any other chief I ever heard of. But unless I can get the whole story of this man's life, it will never be told truly, and the white men will go on believing the old lies. Now is the time to strike. I hope you will explain this to the old people, and get them to pitch in and help me with all their might.

This book will tell the truth fairly. It will not be an attack on anybody. It will be to the glory of the whole Dakota nation, and will help the Indian cause wherever Dakotas may be. Your people have had to put up with great injustice for many years. Now you have a chance to tell your story as it ought to be told.

This book is going to cause a stir when it comes out. I have had letters from a good many publishers asking me to let them print it. And I am going to make it the best book I ever wrote. But I can do this only if your people work with me, and help me frankly and freely. You yourself, and others, have been very generous and helpful in the past. But there is so much to know and tell; I can use a great deal more information, if you will help me get it.

On the enclosed sheets I am offering suggestions as to the kind of ~~information~~ information I want.

Please give my kindest regards to your husband.

Faithfully yours,

W.S.CAMPBELL